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LAYERS (AS AMENDED)

Examiner: C. L. Novacek

COMMENTS ON STATED REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance set forth in the Notice of Allowance, Applicants make the following comment. Applicants generally agree with the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance. However, Applicants believe that additional reasons for patentability exist as well based on limitations and combinations of limitations not commented upon by the Examiner, including limitations found in depending claims.

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